EXHIBIT 6

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS CENTRAL DIVISION

Southern Sky Air & Tours, LLC, d/b/a Direct Air,

Case No.: 12-40944-MSH Chapter 7

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THE RULE 2004 EXAMINATION OF KAY ELLISON

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 9:39 a.m. -5:32 p.m.

The Rule 2004 Examination of KAY ELLISON, taken on behalf of the Joseph H. Baldiga, Chapter 7 Trustee, at the law offices of Boyd Goldfinch Law Firm, LLC. located at 11019 Tournament Boulevard, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

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A: Uh-huh (affirmative response).
Q: So for the purposes of today, the Trustee is
waiving that privilege, and to the extent you
have any conversations with your counsel for
Direct Air,
A: Okay.
Q: we want to make sure that you tell us those
as part of today's conversation. I don't want
you to be nervous.
A: Oh, I'm, I'm fine.
Q: The purpose of today's examination is really to
understand what happened,
A: Okay,
Q: make sure we get the information on the
record, so that we don't need to keep coming back
to you and asking you the questions again and
that all the parties here can really understand
what happened and why.
A: Okay.
Q: I'd like to start with some of your personal
background. Can you tell me where you live?
A: I live in Myrtle Beach.
Q: How long have you lived in Myrtle Beach?
A: I've been here I've been back probably
well. I lived here six years prior to going to

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I lived in Florida. My, my mother-in-Florida. law died and, and she had cancer and so I -- we went down and, and helped Marshall's dad for a while. He's older and ailing. So we lived --I'm sorry, I'm, I'm going around trying to think of the dates. So we, we lived in Florida about a year and a half. We've been back here probably four months. Okay. So you've just been residing in Myrtle Beach the last four months continuously? Right. Continuously, correct. She's going to say "Just answer the question." I'm sorry. Do you own the location where you live now? It's -- we, we have a mortgage on it, yes. And you're married?

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Q: And your husband's name?

A: Is Stanley Marshall Ellison.

Q: Do you have any children?

A: I do.

Q: And can you tell me their names and ages?

A: Seth is 29, Seth Ellison, and then, then Evan Ellison, he's 27, and then our daughter, Blair, it's Blair Hobble, H-O-B-B-L-E, and she is 26.

Q: Did any of your children ever work for Direct .

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for the system.

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Air? **A**: Evan. Q: What did Evan do? He worked at the airport, you know, he's just -he was just a ticket agent, you know, at the airport. And your husband was also one of the founders and co-owners of Direct Air? Yes, ma'am. What do you presently do for work? Q: 10 I worked as -- well, I've been -- I went back to 11 A: culinary school. After, after closing the 12 company, I had to have a job, and so I worked 13 with -- when I was in Florida, I worked for 14 Panera as their catering coordinator, and then 15 when I came back here, I've been a waitress at 16 Lombardo's, and they just laid off for the 17 winter, so I, I do nothing right now. 18 Q: What was your job immediately prior to starting 19 Direct Air? 20 A: I worked for Hooters Air. 21 Q: In what capacity? 22 I was -- my husband and I were over reservations 23 and, and I did -- I was assistant administrator 24

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Q: What did that job entail?

A: Reservations. You just, you know, you make sure the calls are processed. It's in the reservation center. It's on, on a day to day basis. You, you hire, you, you, you know, you make sure that your numbers are where they should be. It's just the daily activities of running a reservation center. The assistant administration was -- I was to load the system and, and put the flights in, put the classes of service in, put all the SSRs in, you know, everything that goes along with being assistant administrator.

Q: What system did Hooters Air use?

A: Radixx.

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Q: How long did you use the Radixx system at Hooters Air, the whole time you were there?

A: Yes.

Q: And how long was that?

A: About three years.

Q: How did you familiarize yourself with Radixx and learn how to use the system?

A: I used Radixx, you know, Hooters had an account with TransMeridian, and I used Radixx at TransMeridian. I used Radixx -- I've used Radixx before and other products. There's another

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1	Q:	Any other airline or transportation experience
2	:	prior to that?
3	A:	We had a reservation company and we were
4	Q:	We?
5	A:.	My husband and I.
6	Q:	And can you tell me about that reservation
7		company?
8	Α:	The reservation company did we were originally
. 9		the overflow center for World Tech., and, and
10		World Tech., when World Tech. decided that we
11		were doing a better job in the West Virginia
12		center than they were during the it was during
13		the Olympics during Atlanta. They were having
14	•	struggles. They decided to move the whole thing
15		and then they bought out our company.
16	Q:	At the time you had the reservation company, did
17	•	you own property where the reservation company
18		was located in West Virginia?
19	A:	You're talking about the Daniels Professional
20		Center?
21	Q;	Well, that is another property in West Virginia.
22		I'm looking to see is that the same building?
23	A:	That's the Daniels Professional Building, and I'm
24		only one member of Marshall and I had one
25		share of 15 shares in that building.

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the revenue coming in. If you don't have lift.
of course, you don't have people. And then Bob
Keilman was had a relationship with Ed Warneck
and he brought him in as the financial, the CFO.
I'm sorry, Ed Warneck had a relationship with Bob
Keilman and brought him in?

- A: Yes, as the CFO and an investor.
- Q: What's your understanding of everybody's roles when the company was first started in terms of titles, areas of expertise?
- A: Well, Judy was the chief operating officer or CEO. No, she was CEO. Ed was president. Bob Keilman was CFO, and Marshall and I were both vice-presidents. He was vice-president of reservations. I was vice-president of systems, so.
- Q: Why did you both take vice-president titles?
- A: It was just, you know, that was our -- we really weren't really more of the financial or the, you know, running at that time. We were more of the reservations. That was our specialty, is the reservations, is what we'd always done.
- Q: Bob Keilman was an active member of the company?
- A: Very much so.
- Q: How often was he present in Myrtle Beach?

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1	A:	He was at least here a week, sometimes two weeks
2		a month. He would come and go.
3	Q:	When he wasn't physically present in Myrtle
· 4		Beach, was he active by email and phone calls?
5	A:	Yes.
6	Q:	Would it be fair to say he was as involved in the
7		business as anyone else?
8	A:	Yes.
9	Q:	Why was it that Bob Keilman did not get the
· 10		salary the same as the other founding members?
11	A:	I don't know. He just I have no clue.
12	Q:	Who proposed the salary schedule for everybody?
13	A:	Well, we it was, it was a group any
14		decisions were made as a group.
15	Q;	Do you know who proposed the salary amounts?
16	A:	I don't recall.
17	Q:	Was Mr. Keilman getting a salary or was he
18	-	receiving consulting fees?
19	A:	I don't recall. I don't think he received a
20	٠	salary. I think he received consulting fees at
21		times. yes.
22	Q:	And why would he receive consulting fees if he
23		was an owner and active in the business?
24	A :	I can't I don't know.
25	Q:	Do you know who would know the answer to that?

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- A: Maybe Bob. You could ask him.
- Q: What was the initial startup capital or seed money for Direct Air?
- A: I can't remember all that. Bob put money in; the Creels put money in; the Brittains put money in; Larry Young put money in. I cannot remember the exact amounts, and, and, you know, we brought the equipment from the reservation center. Each person brought a part. Ed brought his relationship in the market to, you know, in advertising and, and Judy brought her ability to negotiate and her past history with the airlines and, and knowledge of DOT and all that with her, so.
- Q: What did Mr. Keilman bring?
- A: He brought his, his, you know, he's a CFO, the financial side, the setup side, the -- and he brought -- and he put seed money in, in the beginning.
- Q: Was it your understanding that his title was just for form or was he actually the CFO of the company, as you understood it?
- A: He did the financial statements and he did all the financial work, so I would say that would make him the CFO, yes.

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	1	could no, I can't recall. I just can't recall
2		what the amount was.
3	Q:	Were the investors in the beginning stages of
4		Direct Air silent investors, the Creels, Mr.
5	.	Young, the Brittains?
6	. A:	Yes.
7	Q:	And the company was essentially run by the five
8	`	founding members
9	A:	Yes.
. 10	Q:	who had the largest share, collectively, of
11	į	the company?
12	· A:	Yes.
13	Q:	After the acquisition, the founding five members
14		gave up what amounted to 55 percent of the
15		company to Avondale and those associated
16	·.	entitles; is that correct?
17	A :	We gave up 55 percent plus control of the
18		company.
19	Q: '	And at a triggering event that would then turn to
20	,	95 percent and entirely without the founding five
21		members: is that correct?
22	A :	It would, it would take it down to them owning 95
23		percent, and the other five percent would still
24		be owned by the founding members, but they would
25		take out all the liabilities of the founding
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- Q: Did you ever receive an explanation for why the financials never reflected a balance in the Valley National Bank?
- A: I understand that he did everything on a cash basis, so, but I really don't understand the difference, you know, in that respect, no.
- Q: But this was during the time where there was, in fact, money in the Valley National Bank account, that there were reports that it was either zero or there were no indication of it on financials, correct?
- A: What was zero?
- Q: Well, at the time that there was no reference of it in the financials, there was, in fact, an escrow account with money in it, correct?
- A: Yes.

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- Q: Can you describe for us how the Radixx system worked and how somebody would make a reservation, how the booking occurred, and bring us through that process?
- A: If you called the reservation center and you would state the dates that you wanted to travel. the reservationist would tell you what flights were available, you'd book the reservation, or

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choose to book or not to book. They would, they would go over all the, you know, the particulars with you, and there was a system to how they read the reservations, did all the things they needed .to do, and then they would -- they'd give them a credit card, a number. It'd be either American Express, Master Card and Visa, they'd charge it. and, and the reservation was made at that point. What happened with the payment that was made for the reservation? The money would drop into Valley National. Into the escrow account? Yes, ma'am. And Radixx was a system that generated the ticket for the passenger; is that correct? It was a ticket, it was a ticketless airline, so there was no ticket like you, you know, normally have a ticket back in the old days. ticketless airlines. Customers still received an email or some sort Confirmation number. A confirmation number, and they use that confirmation number to check in at the airport?

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that and basically was a manifest system, you know, for the airports, and he was going to have to implement that, because he didn't have the manpower and he wasn't going to rewrite, you know, the codes or whatever has to be done on his side to do, you know, what had to be done at the airport. So we had a dot net system over here and a Radixx system over here, which caused us many, many problems. On many occasions, you would have a situation where a first passenger on a record would, would show up and would show up as a, you know, a different code completely. They would -- even though that person had been charged on the credit card, they would show up as a payment due or something one -- that one record on the first person especially happened when there was four people on a record. We had a heck of a time with that. Then we had situations where, where people's, it was coming across, when you come across with their SSRs, it would come across as cash sometimes, but it wasn't cash, it was an internal problem.

Q: What's an SSR?

A: A special services need like a seat, another bag, another -- an upgrade, whatever. They call those

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SSRs in the, in the industry, special service request and ---

Q: Are those also called ancillary fees?

They could be ancillary fees, yes, uh-huh (affirmative response), a change fee, many things. There's pages and pages of those. was always a struggle. We had a very, very hard time, because the two systems -- Ron had a, had a tendency to -- he had a tendency to sell things that weren't developed, you know, he would -- a lot of, I think, computer programmers or entrepreneurs will do that type of thing. He was trying and he sold more things than he could develop, so when he started working with Dubai Air, he hired programmers that were -- when I first started working with Ron, he had a in-house group, but then he was very, I think, money-This is just an opinion on my part. strapped. and he started hiring the Indian programmers from, you know, at night, because he would -- I knew he was doing that, because I would have a problem with the system, he'd say, "Well, we'll get, we'll get back with you tomorrow."

And I'd say. "Ron. we got to solve these problems."

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1	. Q:	Family Ties is a code.
2	A:	Okay.
3	Q:	And there's a code type, MEMB, memb.
4	A:	That's the membership fee. That's an SSR, yes.
5	Q;	How did those codes get created? Did you do it
6		yourselves or did you tell Radixx to do it?
7	A:.	Well, it's FAM to ILY is built like a city
8		pair, you know, like if you had like MYR to
9	Q:	I understand.
10	Α:	You know, it's built like
11	Q:	I understand that.
12	A :	So we would create
13	Q:	So what you're saying is
14	Ą:	Either Maryanne would create them, Shawn created
15	•	them sometimes, I created them, it'd just depend,
16		and on top of that, Radixx
17	Q:	Wait a minute. I just want to slow down
18	·A:	Okay. Okay.
19	Q:	because you're saying a couple of things.
20	Α;	Okay.
21	Q:	So either you or Shawn or Mary would create what?
22	A :	Flights to put the passengers on.
23	Q:	Right. I'm not asking about I understand that
24	•.	when a passenger purchases a Family Ties voucher.
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A: Yes, sir.

Q: And that would be done by a reservation person at Direct Air, correct?

A: Not always, no.

Q: If not, then who?

When they were built, the original flight was built and FAM to ILY would be, for example, we put it on the last day that they could use that ticket, so say it was October 31st, okay? So when we did it, there, there would be like, say, 10,000 seats put in there for the Family Ties, which, which the Department of Transportation was very, very aware of. So what they would do is when the system couldn't handle 10,000 passengers on the flight, but that's the only way that they could put it in the system and have people to be able to book. You couldn't have multiple flights. That's the way Radixx developed -- Chris said that this is the only way we could do it at Radixx. So then what Chris would do, when

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1	0:	And if Judy is pulling these expired vouchers out
2		in another report, is she able to do that before
3		the expiration date?
4	A:	No. You have to leave it on there 'til they're
5		expired.
6	ВҮ	MR. REGAN:
7	Q:	And just to be clear, if someone has a voucher
8		and they're in the system as FAM to ILY and then
9		that individual then books a particular flight,
10		what is supposed to happen is the FAM to ILY is
11		going to be replaced with the actual flight
12		sequence.
13	Α:	That's correct.
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16	•	another flight, so you're transferred from FAM to
17		ILY to the other flight, yes.
18	Q:	Is that referred to as a re-accommodation?
19	. A:	It could be, yes.
20	Q:	And once that happens you'll no longer have the
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22	A:	FAM to
23	Q;	FAM to ILY
.24	. A:	That's correct.
25	Q:	associated with that passenger?

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	r Q:	were not pulling
:	A:	No. No.
:	Q:	I'm sorry, just for the court reporter, on a
4		regular basis you were not pulling reports and
5		emailing them to Judy?
6	A;	Sometimes I did and sometimes I didn't, you know,
7		she, she
8	MR.	BOYD: EXCUSE ME, IS THAT JANUARY
9		'05?
10	A:	She would pull her own reports.
11	MR.	REGAN: YES, JANUARY 5.
12	A:	A lot of times she pulled her own reports. I
13		would, you know, if she has a problem with, say,
14		her system was locking up or something, she'd
15		call me and say, "Kay, can you pull these reports
16		for me?"
17	•	I said, "Sure, what do you want me to
18	•	pull," you know.
19		R. REGAN:
20	Q:	And there came a point, too, when you would also
21		provide the reports directly to Valley National.
22		correct?
23	. A:	Me? At the end, I did more, because Judy left
24		for a while. She was sick for a while, too, very
25		sick.
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so we can move through what we want to ask. What is your understanding of the escrow requirements for charter airlines like Direct Air? That you're supposed to leave the airfare in. A: How would you define airfare? Q: Airfare would be the airfare portion, not the, not the ancillaries. What was Direct Air's practice with respect to Q: what amount of money it left in versus what amount of money it requested out at any time? The only thing that it -- it left the airfare in. We ran, we ran what was in the system and we left the airfare. That was what was supposed to be left in the system. You ran what in the system? The reports, and, and we left, you know, when the reports -- the only thing that we took out was what we were allowed to take out by the reports that we ran. I'm not sure that's what you're

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MS. MURPHY CONTINUES:

Q: Clearly, one of the main issues that the Trustee is concerned about is the shortfall in the escrow account. When did you first learn that there was a shortfall?

A: As well as my memory serves me, we were, you know, looking at, and I, I didn't really balance the escrow to the, you know, statements. I never got that, and, and, you know, Bob, and, you know, I would think that, you know, I don't know what he did. but anyway, basically, when we were getting ready, Vision had come to us and talked about buying us, merging. We had a lot of discussions with Vision. They were one of the airlines that flew for us, and so I got called downstairs one day, and, and, and if the system didn't work the way that people thought it should

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work, they'd call me and say, "Kay, come down here and, you know, tell me what's going on, run this report for me," or do whatever.

I said, "Okay." So Bob and Judy and Ed Warneck were in the office and they asked me to come downstairs and they were -- and they said. you know, "We're off." You know, we always knew we were a little bit off. We thought about. about, you know, you, you get off and there's a couple ways that you get off some, and, and they'd had discussions that we were off some, but that was like, like a million dollars, which would be things like -- and that's pretty standard in our industry for things like if you flew and charged back after the fact and we'd already pulled the money out, there was no way to get that back in. There was so many little things like that overtime. The -- when JetPay was taking out of, out of the, directly out of the Valley account there was money that I think that was there that should've been, you know, that was an issue, and I think there was a time where, you know, American Express taking out, and then the -- we knew that any Family Ties memberships that were out, you know, that was an

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issue, so. Okay. And how, again, would Family Ties memberships Q: impact the escrow account? Because if you draw it out of the escrow, it's **A**: gone, the, the \$60 is gone. But shouldn't that be reflected, I mean, if 'Q: you've drawn it out and you're allowed to take it out, shouldn't the escrow, ---See, I didn't balance the ---9 --- the balance be what it should be? Q: 10 Well, I mean, I'm just saying that if, if you 11 would ever -- say you hadn't flown those 12 passengers and, and if some -- you have to -- you 13 would have to tell somebody that liability if 14 they were going to buy you. You have to say, 15 "Hey, there's, you know, \$60 times blank number 16 of passengers out that we've already used as 17 revenue." That would be the prudent thing to do. 18 I would think. 19 Was your testimony earlier, though, that when you Q: 20 pulled the membership fees from the Family Ties 21 flights that you would then, somebody would 22 delete the membership fee from Radixx? 23 They would on some occasions, but there were some Α: 24

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1	}	out that there was, initially found out there was
2		a shortfall?
3	A:	Yes, ma'am.
4	Q:	Did you have any understanding of what your
5		personal legal obligation would be to repay a
6		shortfall?
7	Ä:	We discussed it. yes.
8	Q:	Did you discuss it with counsel?
9	A:	I think
10	Q:	Again, the Trustee has waived the attorney-client
11		privilege for the company, so if you had
12		discussions as a owner of the company with
13		corporate counsel, then those discussions can be
14		repeated here.
15	A:	Yes, we did.
16	Q:	Who did you speak to?
17	Α:	I think, Reese, we spoke to you about it. Did we
18		talk to you about it (Addressing Mr. Boyd)?
19	.Q:	And what do you recall about those discussions?
20	A:	I don't really remember. We just, you know, we
21		were concerned, and we had made the decision
22		whether, (a), we would, would either sell the
23		company, (b), Bob would make it whole, he had
24		money to do that or, you know, that was, that was
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and we were going to find, (c), an airlines who would, you know, come in as a commercial airlines and take away the liability. We didn't know what else to do, and we diligently tried to figure out what was going on with the system.

- Q: Do you have any specific knowledge of what the amount of the shortfall was at any time other than the spreadsheet that was prepared for the acquisition?
- A: Just the day I went down and ran the report, that, that we knew there was a shortfall at that time.
- Q: Did you have discussions between the partners after that time when you first found out about the shortfall, about what the number was, reconciling the books, how to proceed, things of that nature?
- A: Yeah; we discussed what we were going to do, you know, we, we, we knew that we either, (a), had to -- as I told you before, we had to either put -- find a buyer, (b), Bob had to put \$9,000,000 in, 'cause none of the rest of us have, you know, that kind of money or any, you know, and Bob understood that, or (c), that we would have to, to find a airlines that had a certificate that

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. 1	Q:	Did you let Valley National Bank know that you
2		were having a problem with a shortfall?
3		No.
4	1	Did anyone advise Valley National Bank that there
5		was a shortfall?
6	A:	That wasn't my area, so I don't know. I wasn't
7		signed on the escrow accounts or anything. That
8		was really not my area.
9	Q:	Did you have discussions with the other founding
10		members, any of them, about making Valley
11		National Bank aware?
12	A:	No.
13	Q:	Did you have discussions with counsel about
	γ.	making Valley National Bank aware?
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15	A:	No, not that I know of, not that I can recall. I
16	•	can't recall every conversation that went on. I
17		just know we were very concerned about it.
18	Q:	Were you concerned about making sure nobody else
19	,	outside of Direct Air found out about the
20		shortfall?
21	A :-	No, because we anybody that we went to to sell
22		the company or we talked to, we were very up-
23		front and forward about telling them exactly that
		we had a shortfall.
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25	Q:	I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit 14.

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had -- and, you know, when, when -- I was gone when they called and asked for this, and so when they, they -- when, when they sent it to me, I didn't even -- I had so many other issues going on that I didn't have time to -- I was just doing a pass-through. I didn't, I didn't feel like I prepared this financial statement. I didn't own the company. Trent asked Judy for it and Judy wasn't there, so when they sent it to me, I sent it on, and they had talked to them and said they had till close of business day on Tuesday to get it to them. So it, it was not my job. I'm just showing you a Profit & Loss from January

1: I'm just showing you a Profit & Loss from January 2007. It's got a checkmark and it says, "Checked okay," on it, handwritten. Do you recognize that handwriting?

A: Huh-uh (negative response), no.

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A: Not my writing, no.

Q: And I'm going to show you ---

A: That looked like Mary's writing, maybe. Maybe Mary.

Q: Maybe Mary Baldwin?

A: Yeah, maybe.

Q: Thank you. I'm going to show you what we marked

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	1	yesterday as Exhibit 13, and turn to the second
:	2	page.
;	3 A:	Okay.
4	4 Q:	You've seen that document before
. :	A:	Yes.
ć	q:	haven't you?
7	A:	Yes, I prepared that document.
8	Q:	And where did you get the information to prepare
9		it?
10	A:	Out of Radixx.
11	Q:	All the information here comes from Radixx?
12	· A:	Yes, ma'am.
13	Q:	What reports did you run in order to get this
14		information?
15	A:	Probably the Crosstab Report.
16	Q:	And let me just make sure I can understand this
17		report. Across the top, it says, "Number of
18		passengers?"
19	A:	Uh-huh (affirmative response).
20	Q;	That's the actual number of people
21	A:	Booked, correct.
22	Q:	booked on those flights? These are for
23		advanced flights that had not happened, yet, for
24		people who had booked and paid for their flights:
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- Q: But you've already taken your money for that voucher?
- A: The vouchers, yes, we take it when it's earned.

 We would run a voucher -- those are voucher

 reports that you see in the books. It's our

 money.
- Q: I'm just having trouble finding out why this voucher reduction isn't already built into what you're saying is the total of the net airfare or total of the gross revenue.
- A: It's in there. It's a voucher and you're -- and we're subtracting it out, because we've already -- we've taken that money. So you're basically saying right here that it's not money that really has to be in escrow. That's what we're telling you. It's included up here, but it's not money that has to be in escrow. I'm the one who did this form, and, and we've always and every air carrier takes voucher money out. That's, that's a standard.
- Q: Can you explain the bottom portion, the Family Tie section?
- A: Sure. We would say that usually, as an average, that they use about -- 15 percent used funds

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would use about 15 percent of the aircraft, you know, we could: -- we took it up a lot higher than that, up to 50 percent, but usually, they'll. they'll eat up in these parts of the aircrafts 15 percent, so -- before they expire. So you have an expiration date on 10/31 of '11. You have a net, which that's without the, the voucher or without the Family Ties membership taken, that's already been taken out of 622,394, then you have expiring on 4/30/12, 4,102,640, then you have expiring on 10/31 of 12, 2,352,002, which is 7,077,036, so you take the 5,000,000 and 7,000,000. We've always said were 12,000,000. short. That's where we are. That's where we came up with that number.

Q: Did you explain these figures to anyone at Avondale?

A: Yes, I did.

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A: Donald, Donald Stukes. Hank Torbert understood them. They all understood them. Matter-of-fact.

Q: Well, did you have a conversation with anybody other than Donald Stukes?

A: Yes, Hank Torbert.

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Q: You actually spoke to Hank

- A: Yeah. Jeff, Jeff, Jeff Conry understood them.
- Q: Well, when you say he understood them. I'm actually just looking for you to tell me whether or not you had a conversation with them.
- A: Yes, we did. Yes, we did, and ---
- Q: Did they tell you they ---
- A: --- on top of that, we have an email that I have in your box that says, says that Donald Stukes says, "We have received these numbers and we want to have further conversation, look at these numbers and understand these numbers, and on top of that, we want to see the documentation that backs up these numbers," which was -- they were given.
- Q: What did you give them to back up those numbers?
- A: Well, they had all the Valley, they had the Valley -- I didn't give them to them, Bob did, the Valley National Bank and, and any of the reports that was attached to make this happen. They had it all.
- Q: What reports would those be?
- A: I pulled them ---
- Q: Or did they get them from Radixx?
- A: Yeah, I pulled them from Radixx, from the Radar

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documents for that and sent it out to them, the people out in California, and it was moving along, moving along.

Q: And then what caused that deal to break up?

A: We, all at once, figured out or they, they -- it was about May, and, and they sent out a guy named

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Let me think of the guy's name, Howard Sanderson. Howard Sanderson came out and did their due diligence. He was pushing forward on the deal, and all at once, Jeff Conry comes -they were communicating with us a lot, and Jeff Conry -- it kind of went silent, and Jeff Conry comes marching through the door and says, "As you know, we've got a -- they're not, you know, they're going to come in, they're going to get rid of everybody there, we've -- I got a better deal for you," telling Bob all this stuff, and so, and he says, "These guys from, from Avondale, they're getting USA 3000," which would've been a big plus for any company. That's a huge -because you, when you get air buses, when you have A320s and A319s, they're low fuel burning aircrafts and they're very fuel -- of course,

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they're very fuel efficient, you know, they -and they've got more seats in them, so you could do really well. So they said, "This is, this is what you need, they're a scheduled carrier, we've got it, it's almost finished, let's" -- and so Jeff starts pushing to switch over, but it's really strange, because he told the people from, from up at -- from Sky King, even though he was still working for them, he was saying, "I'm just a consultant at Direct Air, I'm just here," and he was a consultant for them at that time. There was a falling out of the ways. don't know. and so -- so they all -- it was just like the stories Jeff was saying never kind of met the. you know, so. So Marshall and I ---

Q: Well, let me ---

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Q: --- just jump ahead and ---

A: Okay,

O: --- ask some specific questions. Did you ultimately learn that Mr. Conry was not telling you the truth about Sky King's intentions and Sky King's financial condition, which he had represented to you as being poor?

A: Yes, they did. We found out when -- when we

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finally -- after -- he, he didn't even want Sky King to know that we'd closed the deal, and after sometime, we learned from the Yaris, you know, Bob Keilman and I, when this -- when everything started falling apart, they didn't produce the aircrafts, they didn't get USA, I mean, I have

Q: When the Avondale people didn't do that?

A: Right. Avondale kept -- we have all these emails that I have in my box, that I'm sorry you haven't got to see, but, but they would say, "Well, you know, the airplanes are coming, this is the date they're going to be here, you load these airplanes in there, don't you all sign any contracts." I mean, it's a kiss of death when you don't sign contracts for airplanes, "Don't do this stuff."

Q: Right, and I do want to just move us along, because I know ---

A: Yeah, I'm hurrying.

Q: --- we're getting short on time.

A: I'm trying to get there real quick.

Q: So I want to make sure we're focusing on the, you know, the failed deal with the Yaris, because ---

A: I'm trying -- yeah, I'm getting there. So

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anyway, at the end when this all fell apart. okay, I'll just jump right to the Yaris.

Q: When it all fell apart with Avondale?

Yes, when they were just not producing, it was a disaster and they, they had got us deeper, deeper in debt, everything was just falling apart. Bob Keilman and I -- I'd met the Yaris before, and so Bob Keilman said, "Kay, let's get on an airplane, let's go talk to them." And so we talked to Kevin Robertson at Ober/Kaler, and Kevin said, after he finished saying, you know. I felt like this was not good, he said, "Here's the things that you have to do," and there's a document, "to try to take the company back." So we started talking about taking the company back, because we didn't -- and so Hank Torbert comes back and says, "Well, they have Swift at this time," no airplanes produced all these times, and Swift -and you're tired of hearing that, but Swift says, said to -- they said -- he comes back and he says to Bob Keilman, I'm sure Bob will tell you this. "You're going to have to rent all your air" --"We'll let you out of the deal, but you're going to have to rent all" -- they haven't even paid us anything. "You're going to, you're going to have

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to rent all your aircrafts, give us first right of refusal on all your aircrafts," Bob is saying. "Are you crazy, this is just crazy." So we get on an airplane talking to lawyers, Judy stays there. That's when the Chemoil was blowing up. We fly to, Bob and I, out to California and sit down with the Yaris, and Bob Yari, I'm sure, would talk to you, he would tell you that we came, and they said, "We don't know where this deal went, we wanted to do this deal so badly. because we could've took Sky King, we would've had stable flying and not did the Cuba flying, Cuba flying, short cycle flying, we could've done this deal with you all, we would've been way down the road, we had every intention of doing this deal," but Jeff Conry told us they didn't -- now they're suing Jeff Conry and Scott Holland. I'm sure you've got a copy of that suit, "because Jeff Conry told us that you didn't -- we -- that, that y'all had no interest in doing the deal with us." So it was just one lie after another lie. after another lie, after another lie, and this, and this deposition with Donald Stukes, he says the same stuff, I mean, he just backs it right He, he tells how it is. up.

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1	ı Q	: And did the founding five meet and discuss Mr.
2		Conry's proposal that you use Avondale as the
3		acquiring entity and not Sky King?
4	A:	Yes. I was gone. Marshall and I were traveling.
5	.	I was getting ready to tell you that, and when I
. б		got back, they called me, we were not in the
7		country, and so we were away. Marshall's 60th
8		birthday, and they called me and they said,
9	•	"Kay," I said, "Do we know these people, do we
10		know anything about these people?"
11	Q:	Okay, but you had a discussion with the
12	A :	Right.
13	Q:	the five of you, and the five of you came to
14	•	an agreement that you were going to
15	A :	If
16	Q:	accept his proposal and move forward with the
17		Avondale transaction versus Sky King?
18	A:	We didn't know Sky King was still on the table.
19		Sky King had went
20	Q:	And the reason you didn't know Sky King was on
21		the table is because Jeff Conry told you it
22		wasn't on the table?
23	.Α:	Right.
24	Q:	And you found out that that information was later
25		false?

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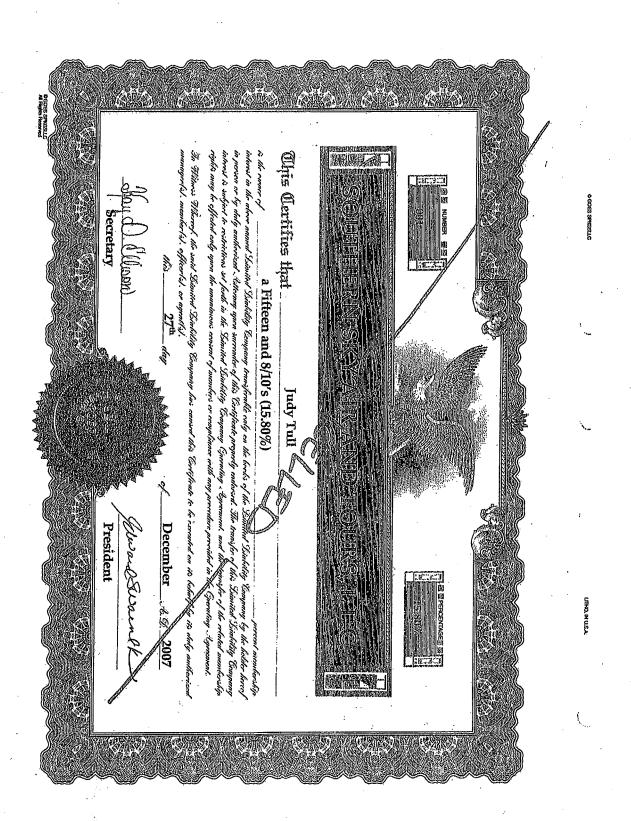
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1	A:	Yes, ma'am.
. 2	Q:	But for Mr. Conry telling you that Sky King was
3		going to come in and terminate everybody and that
4		they weren't able to financially afford the
, 5		transaction, but that for that information from
6		Mr. Conry, would you have gone with Avondale as
. 7	ļ	an acquiring entity?
8	A:	If it wasn't for that information?
9	Q:	Yes.
10	A:	No.
11	Q:	So Mr. Conry was the reason that false
12	l	information, which turned out to be false
13		information that he gave you was the reason that
14	•	you went with Avondale?
15	. A:	Yes,
16	Q:	And but for that information, you would've
17	•	consummated the deal with Sky King?
18	Α:	Absolutely.
19	Q:	And those were discussions among all of the
20		founding members of Direct Air?
21	·A:	Yes.
22	Q:	Were you on the Board of Directors of Direct Air
23		until it closed?
24	A :	Yes. We only had two Board members when Avondale
25		bought Direct Air, and so did everybody else sit

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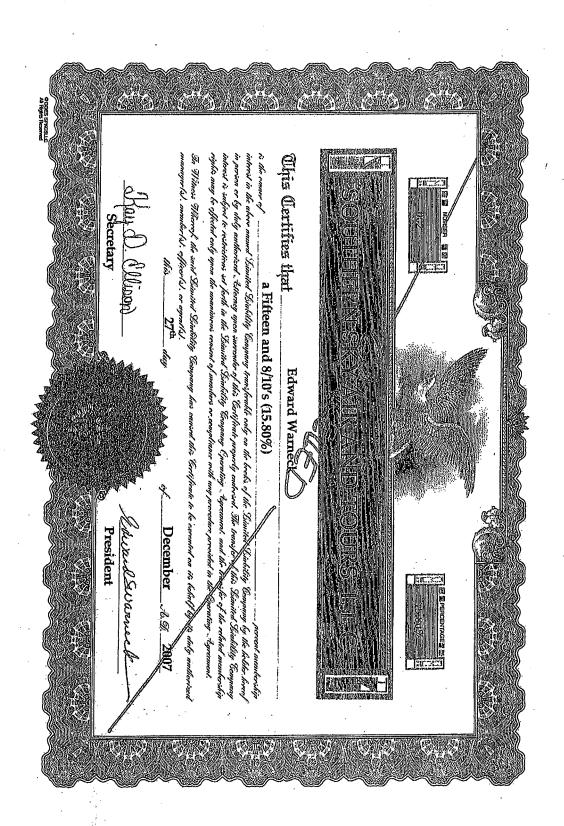
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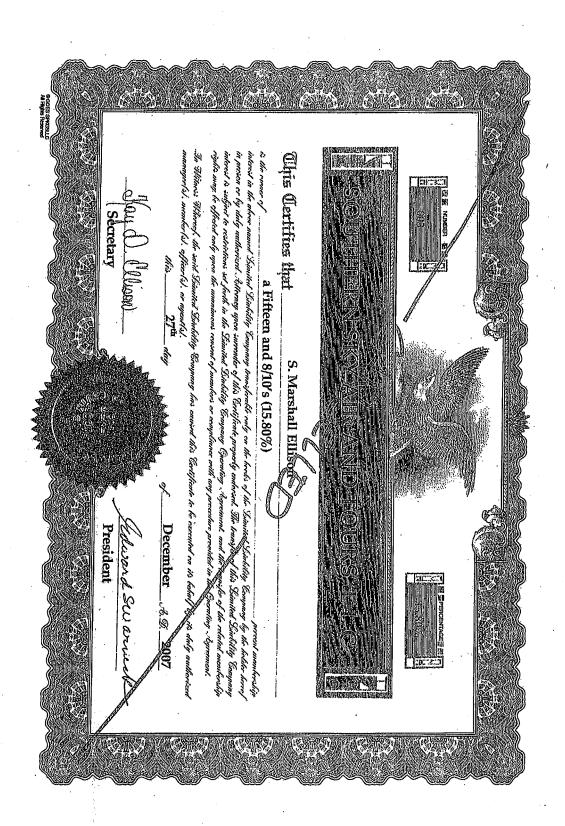
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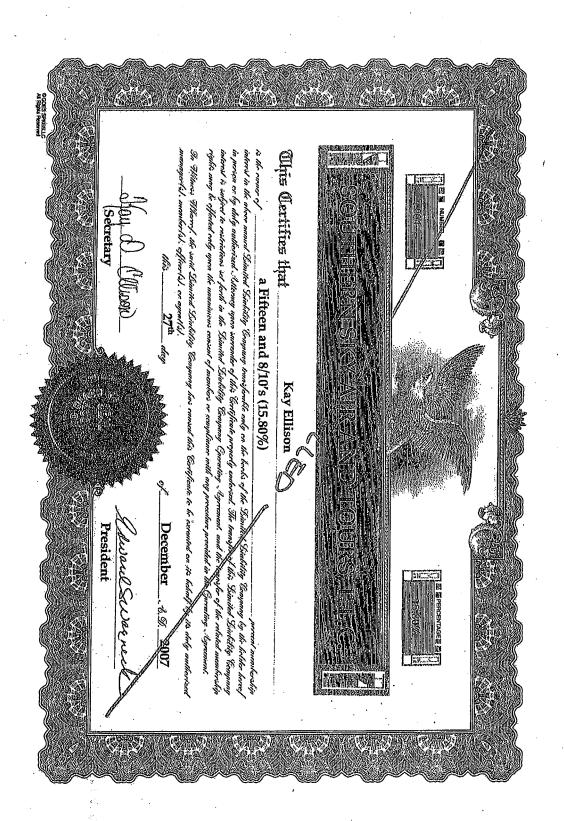
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